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**Title:** METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR MINIMIZING SPECTRAL INTERFERENCE  
DUE TO WITHIN AND BETWEEN SAMPLE VARIATIONS DURING IN-SITU  
SPECTRAL SAMPLING OF TISSUE

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**AMENDMENT**

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This amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action dated June 13, 2003 in the  
above-identified United States Patent Application.

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The Application is amended as follows:

- Claims 1, 10, 21, 30, 42, 51, 52, 54, and 55 are amended.